**Opening a Senate Floor Session**

Prayer offered by the Senate Chaplain

President Pro Tempore: Leads the Pledge of Allegiance. “Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance…”

Presiding Officer opens morning business by saying, “Without objection. The Senate will be in a period of morning business with each senator permitted to speak for 2 minutes until 9:10am with the time equally divided in usual form.

The presiding office looks to see who seeks recognition on the floor. When he/she recognizes someone to speak he/she says the senator’s name and then that senator has the floor for no more than 2 minutes.

When the senator is done speaking from the floor, he/she ends by saying, “I yield the floor.”

When the presiding officer would like to end morning business and move into recess, he/she will say, “Without objection we will recess until 12:40.” He/she will listen for objection, and if no objection will say, “I hear no objection, we are in recess until 12:40.”